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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Stephen R. Griggs :  
Serial No. 09/879,760 : Art Unit 1732  
Filed June 12, 2001 : Examiner:  
For Vacuum Molding Apparatus : Monica A. Fontaine

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This response is being filed in response to the Office Action of December 20, 2002.

The Examiner has required that the Applicant restrict his claims to either Group I (apparatus claims 1-3) or Group II (method claims 4-5).

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (apparatus claims 1-3).

A petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5) is enclosed.

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